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This booklet uses puzzles, games, and informational pages to explain to children who will be acting as witnesses in court what they will be experiencing and to make them feel as comfortable as possible about the situation. Throughout the booklet a character referred to as B.J., a young boy, is utilized to guide children through the information and activities. The informational pages explain some courtroom terminology, provide definitions of legal jargon children might hear, and discuss the role of various courtroom personnel. Also included are answers to the following questions: What if I can't remember something or I don't understand a question? What if I have to go to the bathroom or I need a glass of water, can my mom, dad or family come to court with me? What if I get so nervous that I start to cry or forget the answer? What if someone asks me a question that makes me feel ashamed? What if I'm different from other kids? What if I need special help, is there someone who will help me? What happens in court after I am finished being a witness? The activities included in the booklet serve to reinforce the information provided. (MKA)

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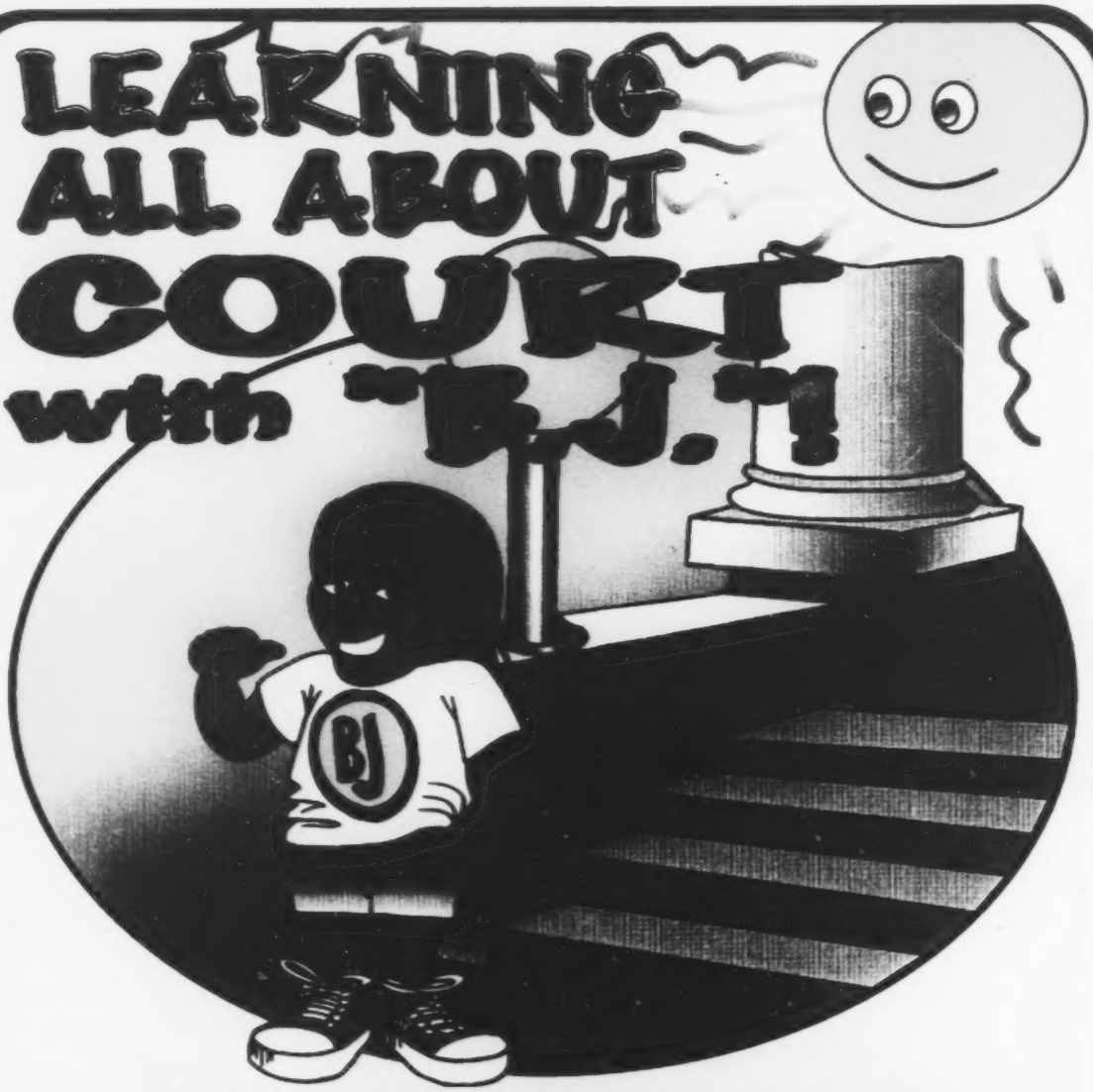

AN ACTIVITY BOOK
for children going to Federal or Tribal Court

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This activity book has games, puzzles and information for all sizes of children ... big or little. You do not have to complete all of the activities ... just do the ones you like. If some of the activities are too hard, ask a friend or family member to help you. Maybe they would like to learn more about going to court too! Most of all, we hope you'll have some fun while you learn all about court.

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I heard you have to go to COURT to be a WITNESS. This means that you have to go to court and tell everyone who works in the COURTROOM what you know or saw happen.

Because you have to go to court, you may be feeling a little scared. I know that I was when I had to go to court.

I didn't know what court was or what people did when they got there. I didn't know what a witness was or why it was important for me to be one. I didn't know who worked in the courtroom or what their jobs were.

This activity book will help you learn all about court and maybe help you feel better about going to court. You'll learn why we have to go to court and all about the people who work there. But most of all, you'll learn about the important job you will have when you go to court. LET'S GO!

HIDDEN WORD

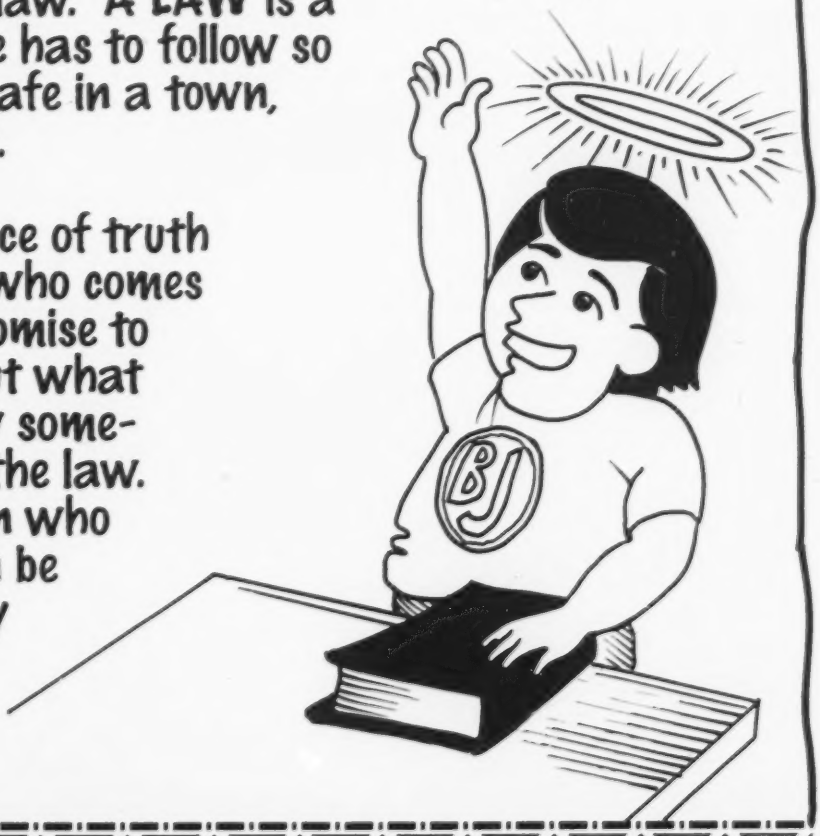
We have hidden the word JUDGE in the puzzle 6 times. Can you find them all? Draw a circle around JUDGE each time you find it in the puzzle. (Here's a hint to help you ... you need to look up and down and sideways to find them all!)

A	D	J	U	D	G	E	D	J
B	C	D	D	Q	R	S	T	U
J	U	D	G	E	W	D	Z	D
U	C	T	W	T	S	K	L	G
D	E	C	J	U	D	G	E	E
G	J	U	D	G	E	O	D	C
E	G	T	W	W	T	L	M	V

WHAT IS COURT AND WHY DO PEOPLE GO THERE?

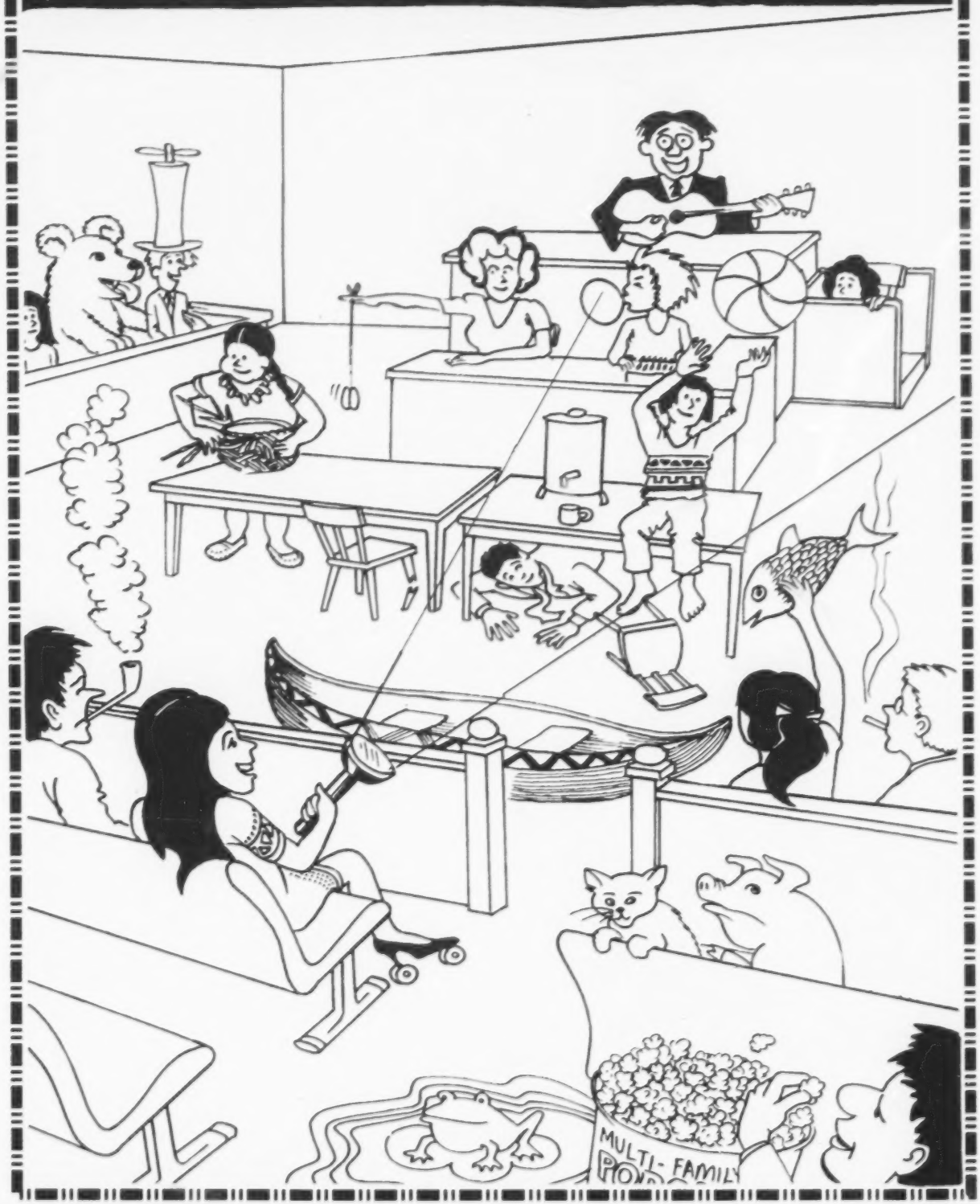
Court is a place where we go to see if someone broke a law. A LAW is a rule that everyone has to follow so that everyone is safe in a town, city, tribe or state.

Court is also a place of truth telling. Everyone who comes to court has to promise to tell the truth about what they know or saw somebody do to break the law. Because the person who broke the law can be punished, it is very important that only the truth is told.



A courthouse is built to hold all kinds of court. You will go to a court that is just for Federal laws. This court is called FEDERAL court. Or you might have to go to TRIBAL court. It depends on what law was broken and where it happened.
BJ
FEDERAL COURT

SILLY COURT



SILLY THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THIS COURTROOM. MAKE IT EVEN SILLIER BY COLORING ALLL OF THE THINGS YOU SEE IN SILLY COLORS. FOR EXAMPLE, COLOR THE CAT PINK AND THE POPCORN BLUE.

WHAT IS A WITNESS AND WHY DO I HAVE TO BE ONE?

A **WITNESS** is a person who goes to court to tell about what they know, saw or had done to them by somebody who may have broken a law. A witness does this by going to court and answering questions.

It is important for you to go to court because the **JUDGE** and **JURY** (the people who decide if someone broke a law) were not there when the law might have been broken. They need you to tell them so they can decide if the law was broken and if the **DEFENDANT** (the person who may have broken a law) is the person who broke the law.

I'M AFRAID ABOUT GOING TO COURT. DO ALL KIDS FEEL THIS WAY?

Anytime someone does something new, they get a little "...afraid and nervous." When I first learned I had to go to court, I was afraid I was in trouble. My feelings were so mixed-up."

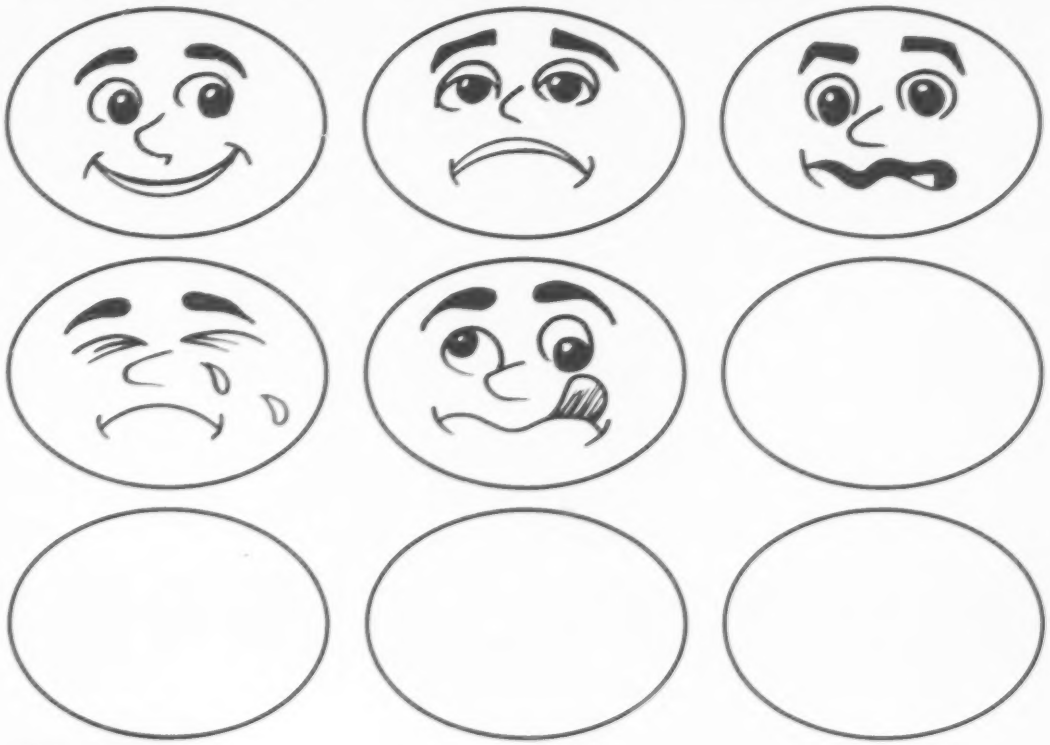
I didn't know there are lots of children who have to go to court and I didn't know there were people who could help me understand what I would do when I got to court and what I would do as a witness.

I'm glad my friend Audrey made me talk to her grandmother. I felt much better after she explained court to me and what I would do there. There are lots of people you can talk to about your feelings. You can talk to your parents, grandparents, teacher, elders in your tribe or anyone else who makes you feel good and safe.

There are people who work at the courthouse who can help you understand court too. Let's go meet them and all of the other people you'll see in court.

"FEELING FACES"

These kids are going to court. Some are happy, some are sad and some are nervous. How do you feel about going to court? Circle the face that best shows how you are feeling. If none of the faces shows your feelings -- draw your own "feeling face"

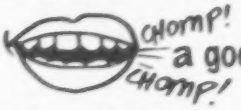


OR ...write a story or a poem about how you are feeling.

PICTURE STORY

Write the word above the picture in the story to tell the story. This is a good story to share with your family.

The night before I go to court, I need to get a good night's

and in the morning, I should 

a good breakfast. can't take my or with when I go to court. I'll tell them all about court when I get . I need to wear clean and go to the bathroom before I go into the courtroom.

When I get to court, I will sit in a

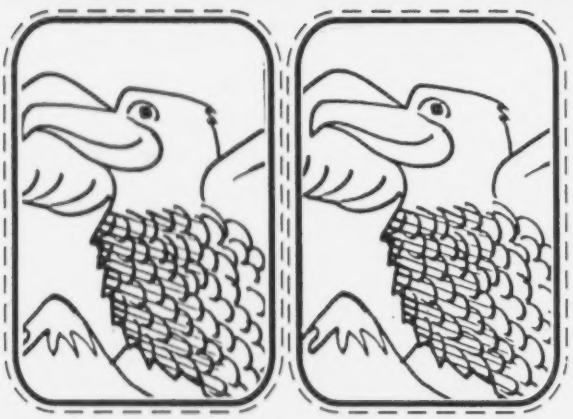
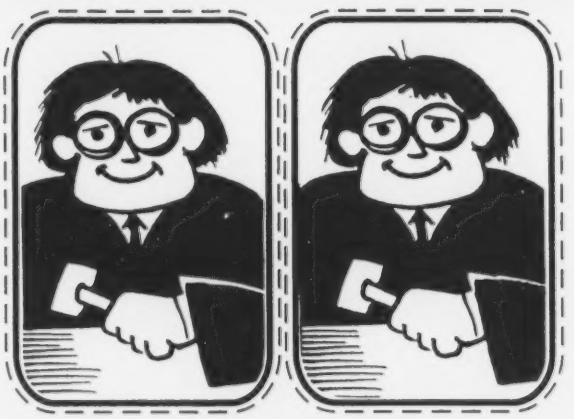
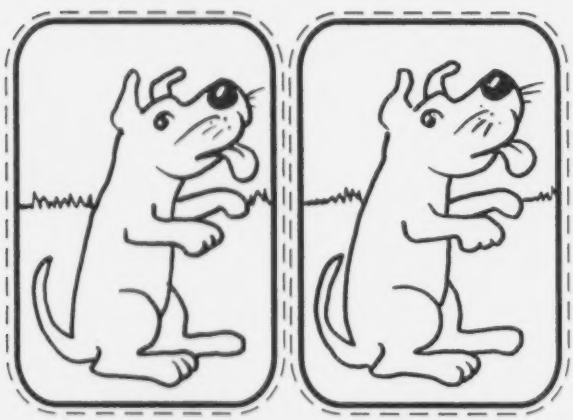
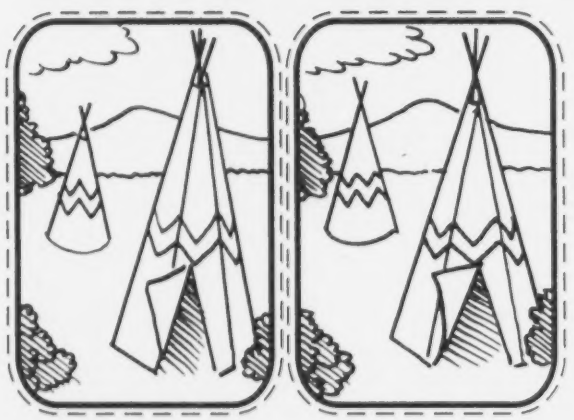
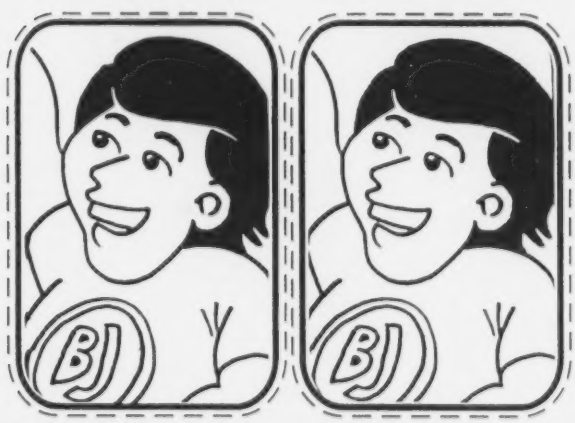
. I have to raise my right and promise to tell the truth. This is called an oath.

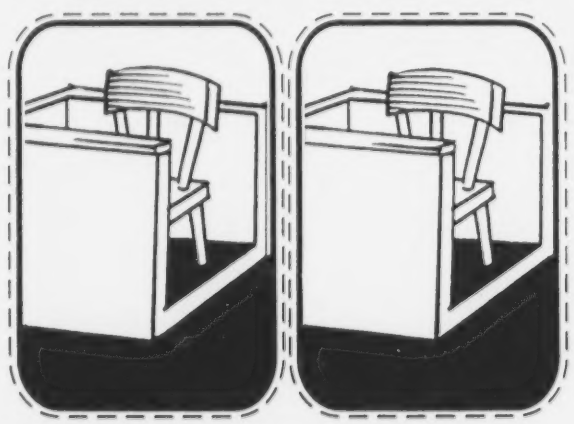
To make sure the Court Reporter and every in the courtroom hear me, might have talk into a . If don't understand a . I should tell the prosecutor or defense attorney that don't understand. They will ask the in a different way. If I need a glass of , I'll tell the judge or my Victim Advocate.

A witness tells what they know or happen. A witness is a very important

and he or she should always remember to tell the truth.

MATCH GAME



1. Color the playing cards. **2.** Cut the cards out and glue them on squares of poster paper or cardboard. **3.** Mix the cards together and put them face down (no peeking) on the floor or table. **4.** Turn the cards over two at a time and try to match the ones that have the same picture. **5.** If you don't have a match, lay the cards back where they were and the next player's turn begins. **6.** When you have a match, take the cards and put them next to you. (Hint: You can play this game with a friend, brother or sister. The winner of the game is the person with the most matches.)

DOT--TO--DOT

Connect the dots to show where B.J. is sitting.

Now that you have connected all of the dots, what is BJ sitting in?

(Look at the Answer Sheet to check your answer)

WHAT DO THESE PEOPLE DO IN COURT?

Court Reporter

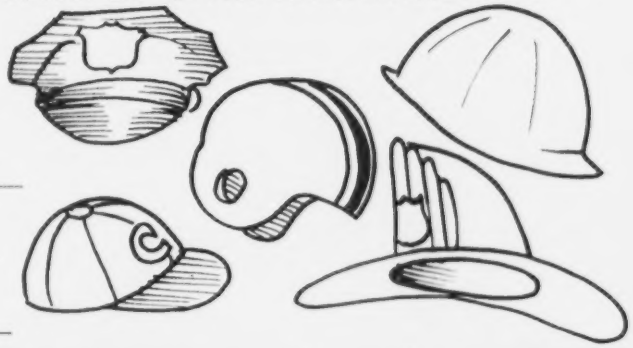
A COURT REPORTER writes down everything that is said in the courtroom. He or she uses a special machine called a STENOGRAPH. It is like a typewriter but it is very fast. In some courts the COURT REPORTER uses a tape recorder to help hear every thing in the courtroom. Most Court Reporters use a microphone to help them hear everything said in the courtroom. You will want to talk in a normal voice, not too quiet and not too loud. If you answer a question that is a yes or no question, you should say "yes" or "no". The Court Reporter can't write down that you shook your head "yes" or "no".

U.S. Deputy Marshal

The U.S. DEPUTY MARSHAL makes sure that everyone in the courtroom is safe. He or she is there to make sure that everyone behaves while they are in court.

Who else do you know that wears a uniform? Write them down Here:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____



Court Clerk

The COURT CLERK will ask you to raise your right hand and promise to tell the truth about what you know or saw happen. This promise is called an oath. After you take an oath you should always tell the truth. Remember, court is a place of truth-telling and everybody that goes to court must tell the truth.

Bailiff

The Bailiff is the person who tells us when it is time for court to start and when the judge is ready to enter the courtroom. This lets everyone know they should sit down and be very quiet so court can start. In some courtrooms, the Bailiff will call out your name when it is time for you to go to the witness chair.

HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE?

How many words can you find in the word "WITNESS CHAIR"? The first two have been done for you. (Hint: there are over 15)

WITNESS CHAIR

NEST _____ _____

NICE _____ _____

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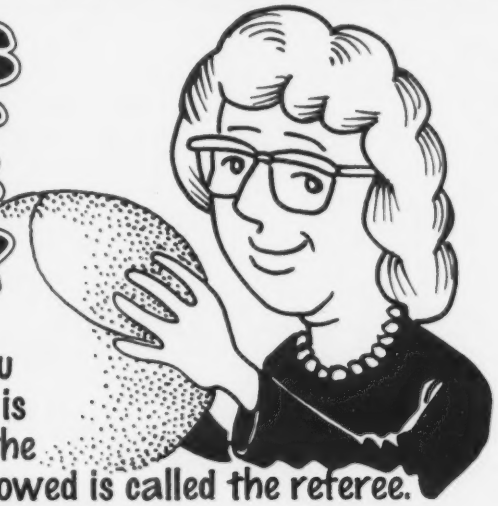
WHAT DOES THE JUDGE DO IN COURT?



When you play a game of basketball, you have to follow certain rules so the game is fair for eveyone. In a basketball game, the person who makes sure the rules are followed is called the referee.

The person who makes sure that everyone follows the rules when they are in court is called a JUDGE. The Judge is the boss of the courtroom.

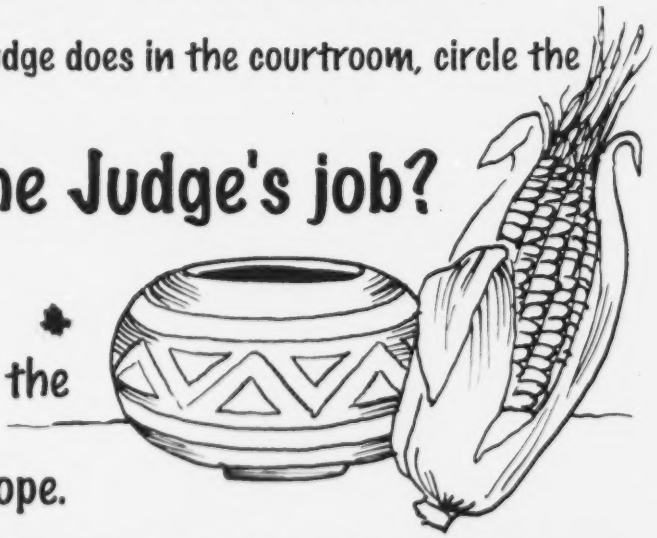
In some courts the JUDGE wears a black robe so everyone will know that he or she is the JUDGE. JUDGES come in all different colors and sizes just like you do. A JUDGE can be young or old, tall or short, a man or woman.

In some courtrooms the JUDGE will sit in the front of the courtroom at a desk that is very tall. This desk is called the BENCH and it helps the JUDGE see everything that is going on in the courtroom. The WITNESS CHAIR that you will sit in will be next to the JUDGE'S BENCH.

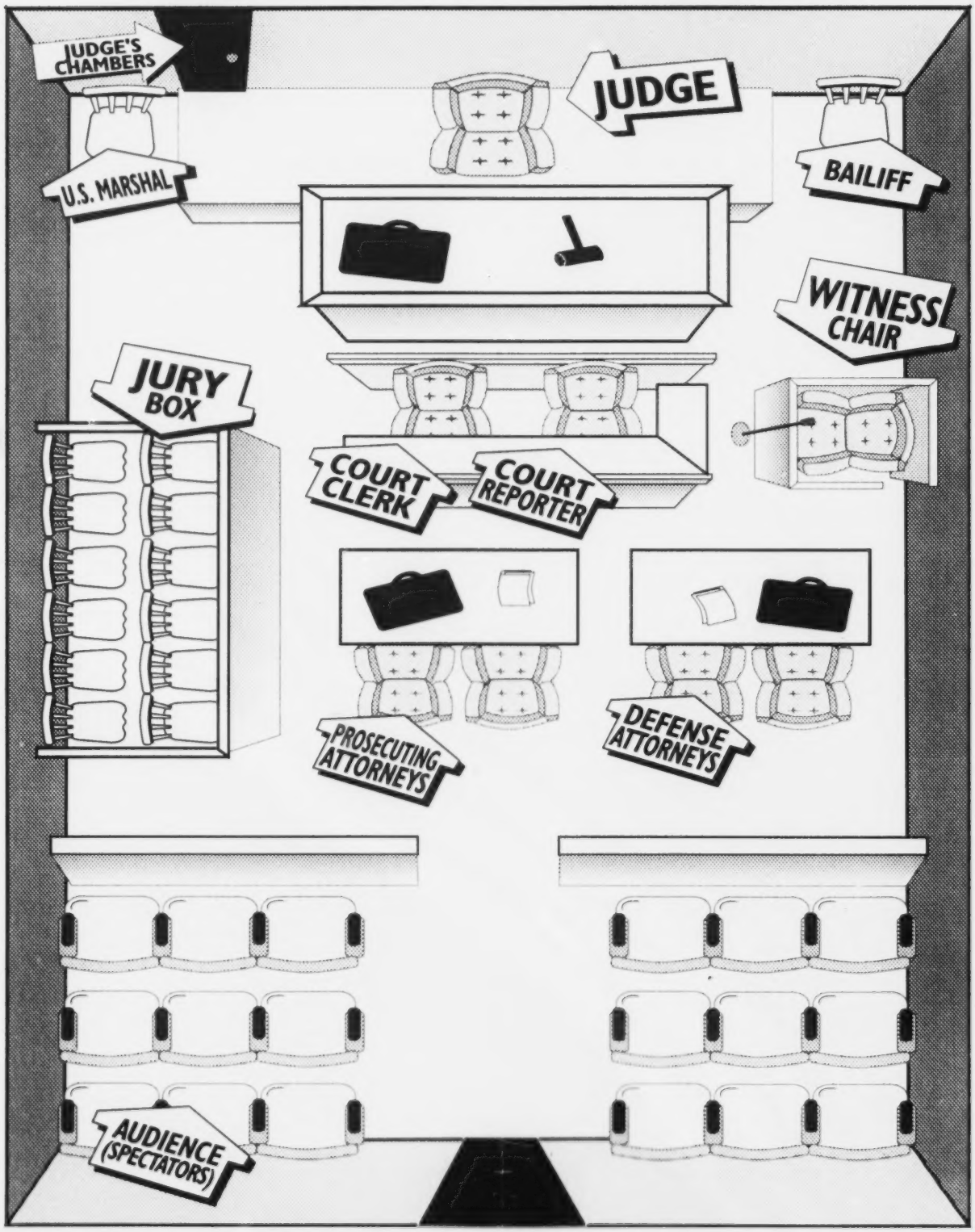
Now that you know what the Judge does in the courtroom, circle the correct answer to the question.

What is the Judge's job?

A. Make pottery.
B. Plant corn.
C. Make sure the rules of the court are followed.
D. Play a game of jump rope.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF A TYPICAL COURTROOM



A COURTROOM

Draw a picture of what you think the courtroom will look like. You can ask your victim advocate or an adult to help you. (Hint: You might want to think about the courtrooms you have seen on TV or in a book or if you and your Victim Advocate went on a tour of the courthouse, draw what the courtroom looked like.)

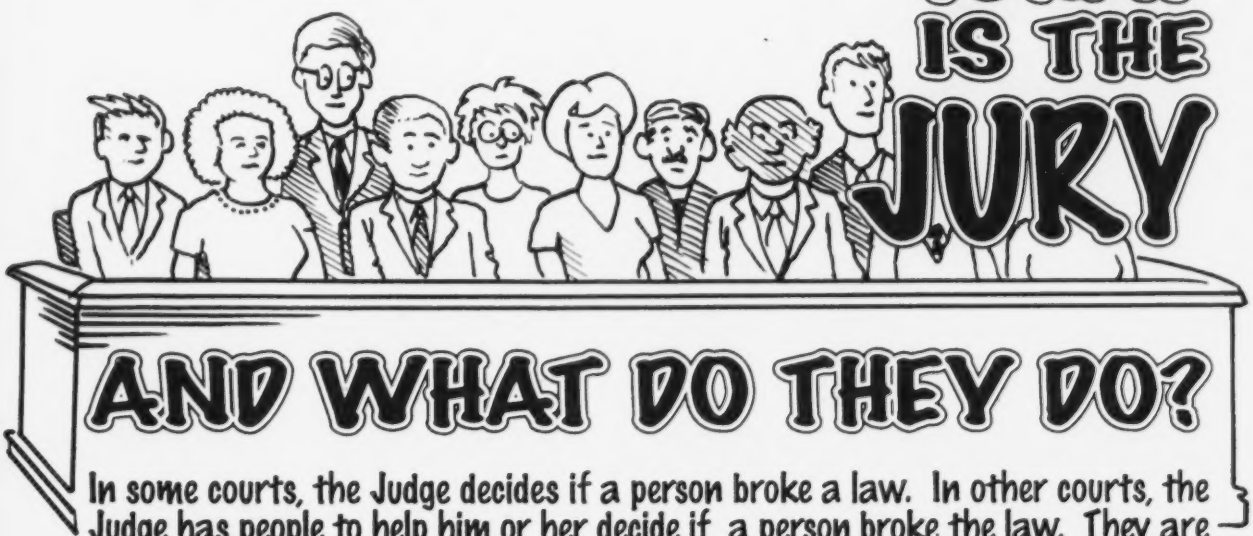
WHAT IS AN ATTORNEY'S JOB IN COURT?

When you go to court you will meet two attorneys. One attorney is called a PROSECUTOR and the other attorney is called the DEFENSE ATTORNEY. They both know a lot about laws but they have different jobs in the courtroom.

The PROSECUTOR'S job is to try and prove the DEFENDANT broke a law. He or she does this by showing EVIDENCE. EVIDENCE means to show the judge or jury information about something that happened. Evidence can also be what a witness, like you, says in court.

The DEFENSE ATTORNEY'S job is to help make sure the DEFENDANT is treated fairly. The Defense Attorney will also help the Judge and Jury decide if the Defendant broke the law. He or she does this by trying to show EVIDENCE that the defendant did not break the law.

Both the Prosecutor and the Defense Attorney will ask you questions. If you do not understand a question, tell the attorney that you don't understand. He or she will ask you in a way that you can. (You won't get in trouble. I promise).

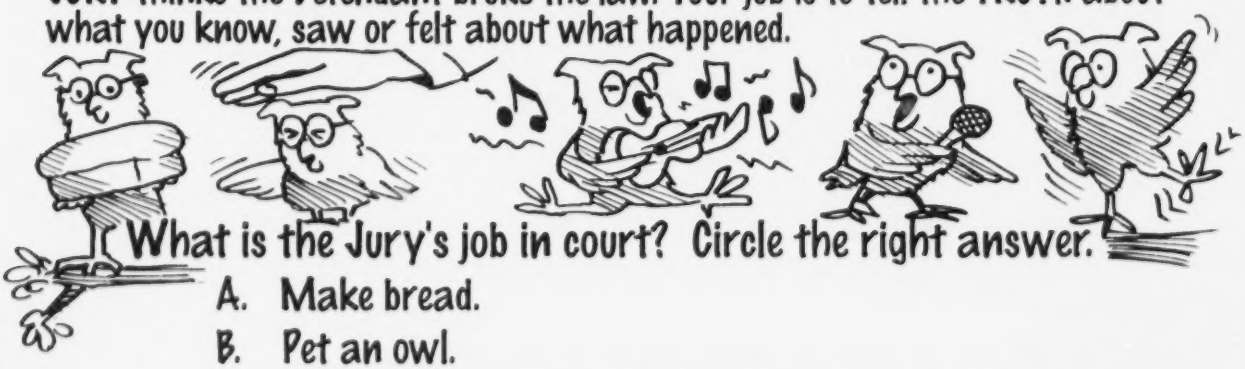


WHAT IS THE JURY

AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

In some courts, the Judge decides if a person broke a law. In other courts, the Judge has people to help him or her decide if a person broke the law. They are called the JURY. The Jury's job is to listen very carefully to everything that is said in the courtroom about a case. After all of the witnesses have finished telling what they saw or know, the JURY decides if the Defendant is GUILTY or NOT GUILTY of breaking a law. "GUILTY" means that the JURY thinks the Defendant did break the law and "NOT GUILTY" means the JURY does not think the Defendant broke the law.

The JURY will not ask you questions. , They will just listen to what you and all of the other witnesses have to say. It is **not** your job to make sure the JURY thinks the Defendant broke the law. Your job is to tell the TRUTH about what you know, saw or felt about what happened.



What is the Jury's job in court? Circle the right answer.

A. Make bread.

B. Pet an owl.

C. Help the Judge decide if the Defendant broke the law.

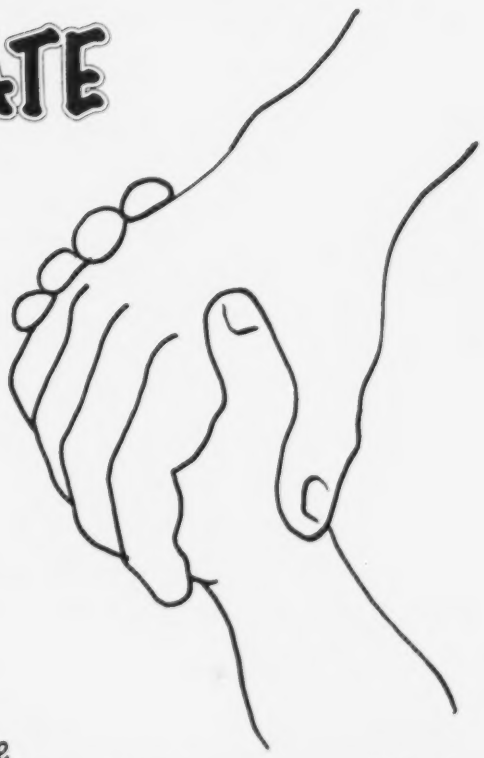
D. Play loud music, sing and dance.

DEFENDANT

A DEFENDANT is a person we think might have broken a law. The Defendant has to go to court so the Judge and the Jury can decide if he or she broke a law.

The Defendant has someone who helps to make sure the Judge and Jury hears or sees everything that is known about the case. This person is called the DEFENSE ATTORNEY. The Defense Attorney will ask you questions when you go to court.

VICTIM ADVOCATE

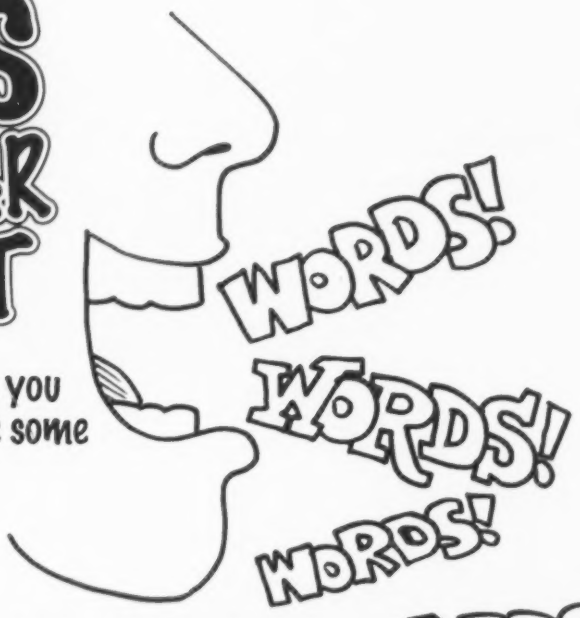


A VICTIM ADVOCATE works with the Prosecutor and knows all about court. He or she will help you and your family understand what will happen when you go to court and what your job will be as a witness. Your Victim Advocate will help you learn about the people you will see in court, and what the rules of court are. He or she will help you understand some of the words you will hear in court. It is the Victim Advocate's job to help you feel comfortable and safe as possible about going to court.

In some courthouses, the Victim Advocate is able to take KIDS on a tour of the courthouse and courtroom before they go to court. Sometimes they can't do this because court gets so busy or the courthouse is too far away from your house. If you can't go see the courthouse before you go to court, you might ask your Victim Advocate how a courtroom looks by asking him or her to draw you a picture of a courtroom and show you where you will sit. The Victim Advocate may even have a picture of the courthouse or courtroom to show you.

Circle the people you WON'T find in the courtroom!

WORDS YOU MIGHT HEAR IN COURT



We have talked about the people you will see in the courtroom. Here are some new words that you might also hearwhen you go to Court.

Law ... A lot of rules that each town, city, tribe or state has -- to make sure that everyone that lives there is safe.

Charge ... When we say the Defendant broke a Law, the people who work in Court have to tell the Defendant what Law he or she may have broken. This is called a Charge.

Crime ... When a Law has been broken.

Gavel ... A wooden hammer the Judge bangs to make everyone in the courtroom be quiet.

Jury Box... A special place in the courtroom where the Jury sits.

Trial ... When a Defendant says he or she did not break the Law, the Judge has a meeting to decide if he or she did break the Law. This meeting is called a Trial.

Testimony ... What the Witness says in Court and the Court Reporter writes down.

MORE WORDS YOU MIGHT HEAR IN COURT

Testify ... When a Witness comes to Court to tell what he or she knows or saw happen.

Recess ... When the Judge lets everyone take a break to go to the bathroom, have a drink of water, or go to lunch.

Statement... What a Witness tells the police or writes down about what he or she knows, saw, or heard when the Law was broken.

Cross-examine... After a Witness has answered the Prosecutor's questions, the Defense Attorney gets to ask the Witness questions too.

Sentence ... The punishment the Defendant gets if he or she broke the Law.

Plea... When the Defendant goes to court, the Judge will ask the Defendant if he or she broke the Law. The Defendant will answer yes or no. This is called a Plea. When a Defendant admits that he or she broke the Law, the Judge does not have to make the Witnesses come to Court to tell what they know or saw happen.

Postponement... Sometimes the people who work in Court get sick or have to go out-of-town and can't go to Court. When this happens, the Judge will change the day everyone has to go to Court to another day so everyone can be there. In some Courts, a Postponement is called a CONTINUANCE. The Prosecutor or your Victim Advocate will tell you the new day you have to go to Court.

Subpoena ... A piece of paper the Court gives a Witness to tell them when to come to Court.

A SILLY TEST
CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THEY DO IN THE COURTROOM?

Before you learn about everyone you'll see in the courtroom, take this silly test to see if you can guess their jobs. Circle the answer you think tells what each person's job is in the courtroom. If you miss some ... don't worry. You'll know all about everyone's job when you finish all of the activities in this book.

A Witness' job is to:
A. Tell what they know or saw about a case.
B. Go to a Pow Wow.
C. Tell funny stories to their dog.

The Court Clerk's job is to:
A. Play the drums.
B. Ask witnesses to promise to tell the truth.
C. Weave a basket.

The U.S. Marshal's job is to:
A. Cut the grass.
B. Make sure everyone in court is safe.
C. Take everyone in Court fishing.

The Court Reporter's job is to:
A. Write down everything that is said in the courtroom.
B. Tend cornfields.
C. Make pottery.

The Bailiff's job is to:
A. Buy toys for everyone in court.
B. Ride a horse.
C. Let us know when it's time for court to start so everyone can be very quiet.

The Judge's job is to:
A. Paint a picture of a pick-up truck .
B. Make sure the rules of court are followed.
C. Weave a rug.

The Prosecutor's job is to:
A. Tend the animals.
B. Ride a pony.
C. Ask questions that will help you tell what you know or saw about a crime.

The Defense Attorney's job is to:
A. Play basketball.
B. Help the defendant.
C. Build a teepee.

A Victims Advocate's job is to:
A. Go to the Trading Post.
B. Play jump-rope with a dog.
C. To help you feel okay about going to court.

B.J.'s Hidden Message #1

Can you break the code to discover the hidden message? Fill in the letters using the numbers to break the code.

12	20		6	16	9	5	13	4	
		2	10		9	17			
8	5	11	15	9	13	7			
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1	11	11		1	2	14	19	18	
		3	14	19	16	18			

Hidden Word Key:

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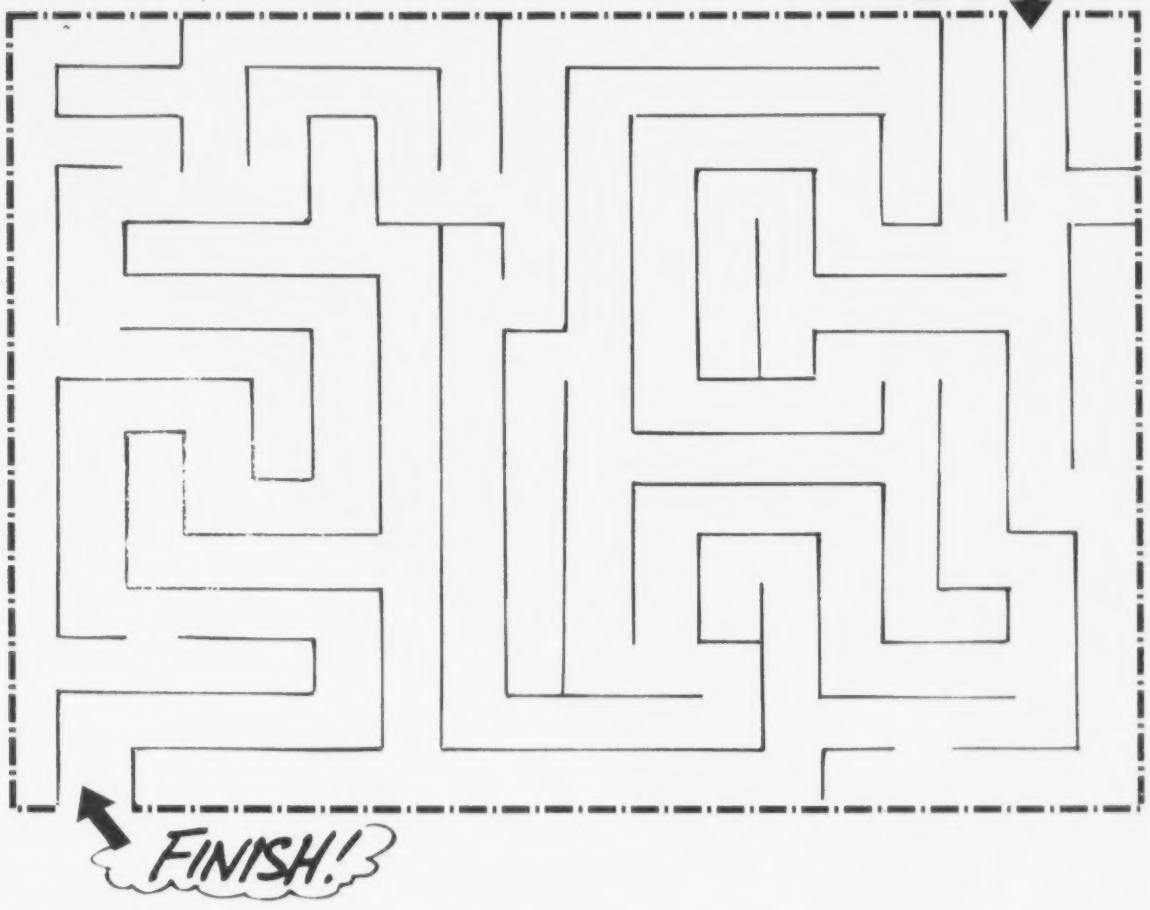
GETTING READY TO GO TO COURT

What things will you need to do to get ready to go to court? Trace the path from your home to the courthouse.

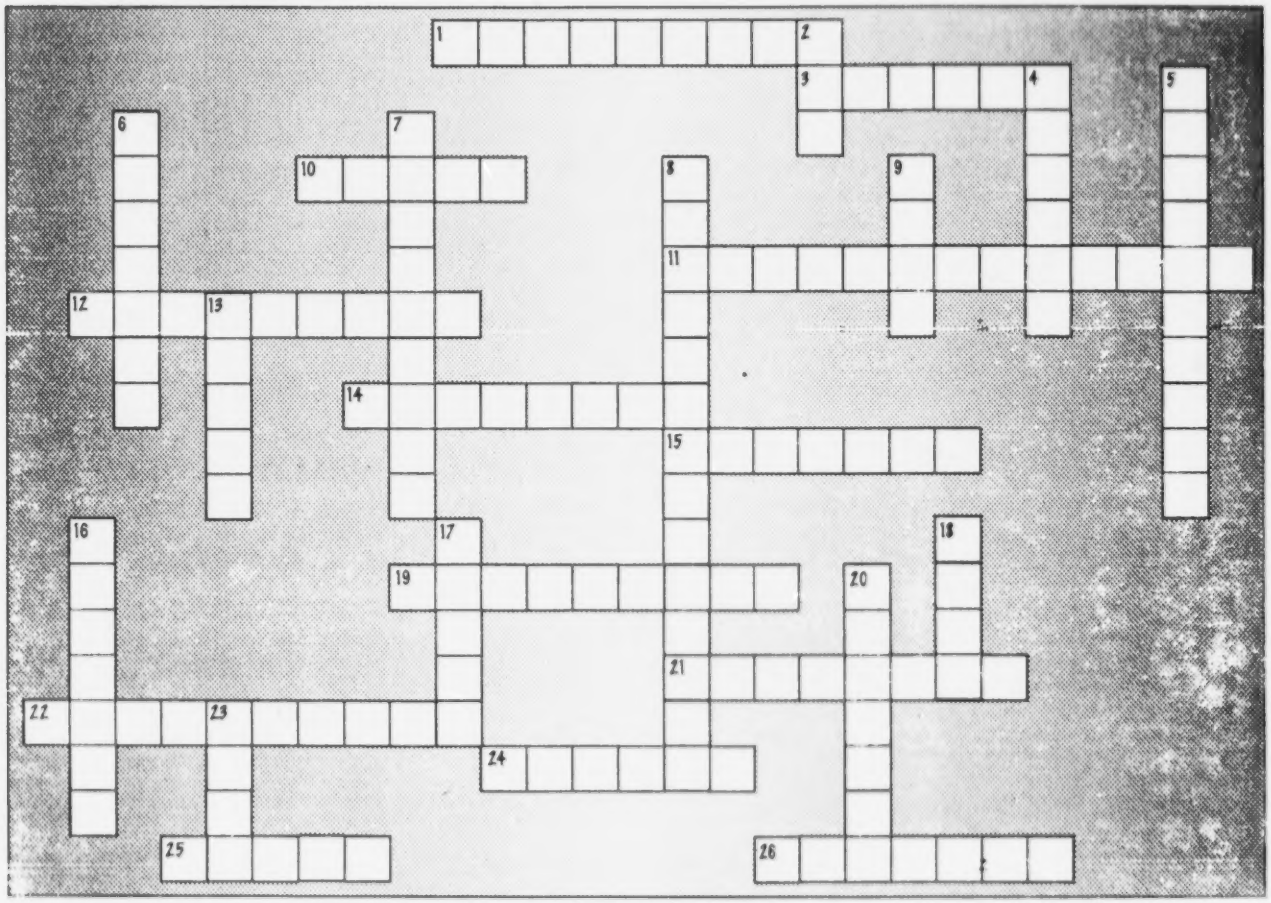


Here are some other things you will want to do before you go to court:

- ✔ Pick out what you will wear to court the night before you go. You do not have to wear fancy clothes but you should wear clothes that are neat, clean and comfortable.
- ✔ If you are too nervous to sleep, you may want to talk with your family or any grown-up that will make you feel better.
- ✔ Look at this book again to make sure you remember what your job is and what court will be like.
- ✔ The most important thing you can do before you go to court is to RELAX. You are going to do a fantastic job. Remember, all you have to do is to tell the truth when you are asked questions.

BJ'S COURT CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Follow the clues across and down to find out all of the court words in the puzzle. (Hint: There are a few words that are not court words. You can have a friend or parent help you. Check your answers on the answer page at the end of the activity book.)



ACROSS

1. Helps keep everyone in the courtroom safe.
3. BJ's friend who helps him find someone to tell him all about court.
10. If you don't know the answer, don't do this.
11. Person who takes down everything said in the courtroom.
12. Another word for telling what we know or saw happen.
14. Something you should use before you go to court.
15. What dogs, cats, deer and raccoons are.
19. What the Prosecutor and Defense Attorney will ask you
21. Another name for lawyer.
22. What you talk into when you go to court.
24. Something you do with your ears and you should do very carefully before answering questions.
25. What a witness sits in.
26. Means to tell what you know or saw happen.

DOWN

2. A rule everybody has to follow.
4. The color of bananas.
5. Game BJ and his friends like to play.
6. Another word for a special person.
7. What we call the person who may have broken the law.
8. Person who helps us learn all about court. (He or she probably gave you this book.)
9. People who help the Judge decide if he Defendant broke the law.
13. What you must ALWAYS tell when you are in court.
16. Person who lets us know when court is ready to begin.
17. Boss of the courtroom.
18. What a dog likes to chew.
20. How you may feel before you go to court.
23. A promise to tell the truth.

WHAT IF I CAN'T REMEMBER SOMETHING OR I DON'T UNDERSTAND A QUESTION?

If you don't know the answer to a question, don't Guess or make up an answer. It's okay to say that you don't know or you don't remember. Don't hurry with your answers. Take as much time as you need to think about your answer. If the Prosecutor or the Defense Attorney asks you a question you don't understand, or if he or she uses words you don't know, it is all right to say that you don't understand the question or know what the word means. It is their job to ask you questions in a way that you can understand.

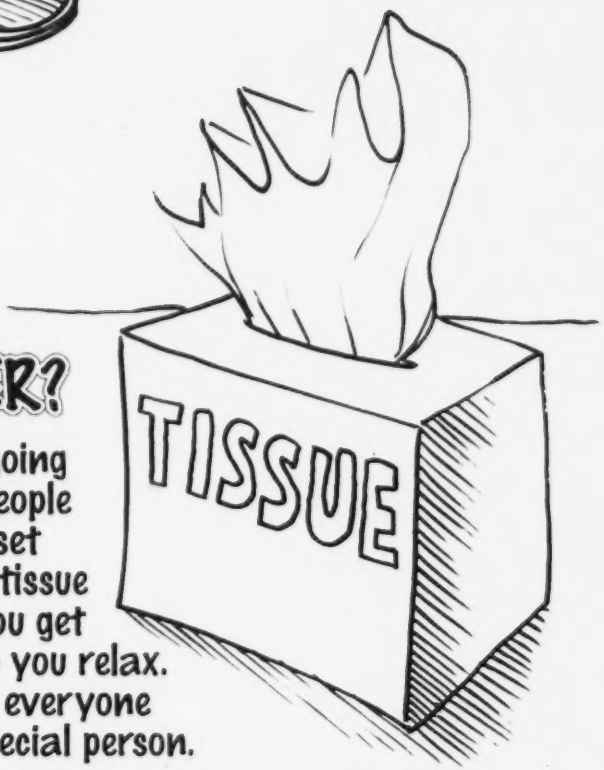
WHAT IF I HAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM OR I NEED A GLASS OF WATER?

If you really have to go to the bathroom and you can't wait, ask the Judge if you can take a break. If you are thirsty and need a drink of water, tell the Judge. Remember, court is a very busy place. Ask for a break only if it is really important. Try to remember to go to the bathroom or have a small drink of water just before you go into the courtroom.

CAN MY MOM, DAD OR FAMILY COME TO COURT WITH ME?

If your Mom, Dad or family knows or saw something about a crime, they might have to go to court to be a witness like you. If they will be witnesses, they may not be able to go in the courtroom with you but you can choose someone else you want to go to court with you or you can ask your Victim Advocate to go to court with you.

WHAT IF I GET SO NERVOUS THAT I START TO CRY OR FORGET THE ANSWER?



Even grown-ups get nervous about going to court. It is very hard for some people to talk about things that hurt or upset them. You may want to take some tissue with you when you go to court. If you get nervous, take 5 deep breaths to help you relax. Even if you cry or forget something, everyone in court will think that you are a special person.

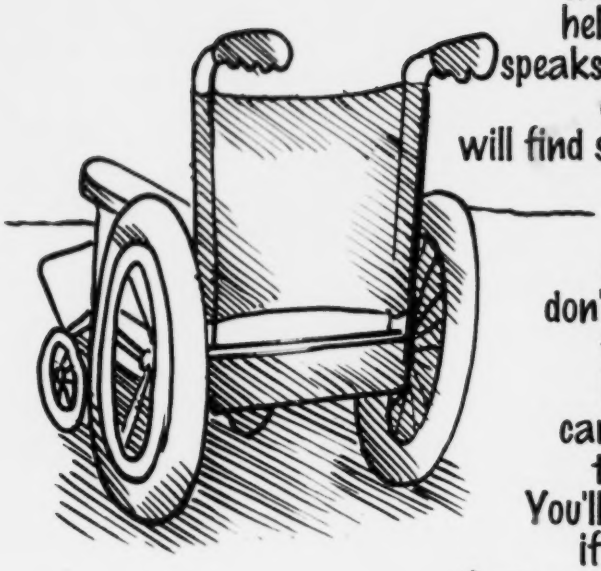
WHAT IF SOMEONE ASKS ME A QUESTION THAT MAKES ME FEEL ASHAMED?

Sometimes witnesses have to talk about things that may make them feel uncomfortable in front of people they don't know...like bad touches on our bodies or to repeat bad words they may have heard the Defendant say. To help you feel more comfortable, you may want to ask your parents, family members or elders to tell you some stories of strong and brave people. These stories can show you that sometimes people have to do very hard things.

The people in court know that answering these kinds of questions can be very hard, but you must answer any question you are asked in court. If you are asked questions that embarrass you and make you feel ashamed, remember the questions you are asked are very important to help the Judge and Jury decide if the Defendant broke the law. The people in court won't think badly of you when you answer these questions. They will think that you are very brave to come to court and tell what you know.

WHAT IF I'M DIFFERENT FROM OTHER KIDS? WHAT IF I NEED SPECIAL HELP? IS THERE SOMEONE WHO WILL HELP ME?

Witnesses come in all shapes and sizes. Some witnesses speak in different languages. Some witnesses may need special help because they are in wheelchairs, have crutches, or don't hear or see well. The Prosecutor, Judge and Victim Advocate understand about witnesses who need special help. If you need special help, they will make sure that you get all the help you need. If you need someone who speaks the same language you do to explain court and your job as a witness, they will find someone who talks in your language. If you are in a wheelchair, they will make sure that you can get into the courtroom in your wheelchair. If you don't hear well, they will make sure that the people who will ask you questions know they need to talk to you so you can hear them. If you need special help, tell your Victim Advocate right away. You'll feel a lot better about going to court if your Victim Advocate tells you what they can do to help you and your special needs.



WORD SCRAMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

by changing the letters around. You will find some silly words mixed in. Circle all of the silly words you find. The first one is done for you.

C O U R T	COURT
	WITSSEN
	CNDAY
	JYRU
	ATC
	LESUR
	SABELLAB
	GVALE
	TRTHU
	DUJGE
	ATHO
	BUBLESB

Look at the Answer Page at the end of the activity book to check your answers.

B.J.'s Hidden Message #2

Can you break the code to discover the hidden message? Fill in the letters using the numbers to break the code.

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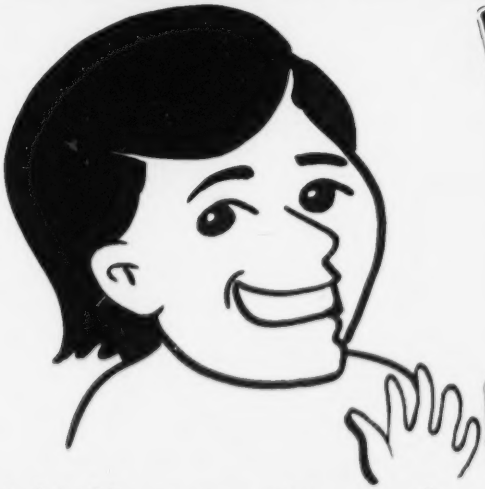
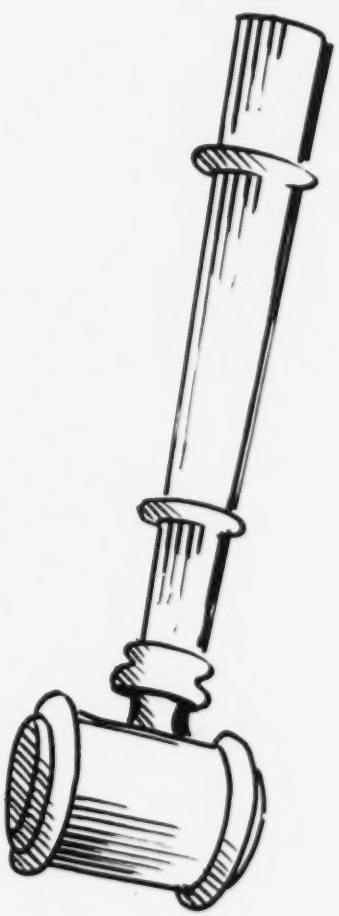


WHAT HAPPENS IN COURT AFTER I AM FINISHED BEING A WITNESS?

A trial is like a great big puzzle. When you put a puzzle together, you need all of the pieces if you want to see what kind of picture they make. The Prosecutors and the Defense Attorney try and put all the pieces of information together so the Judge and Jury can see what happened in a case.

Even if the Judge and the Jury decide the Defendant is Not Guilty, it does not mean they did not believe you or the other witnesses. It just means that they did not have all of the puzzle pieces they needed to say the Defendant broke the law.

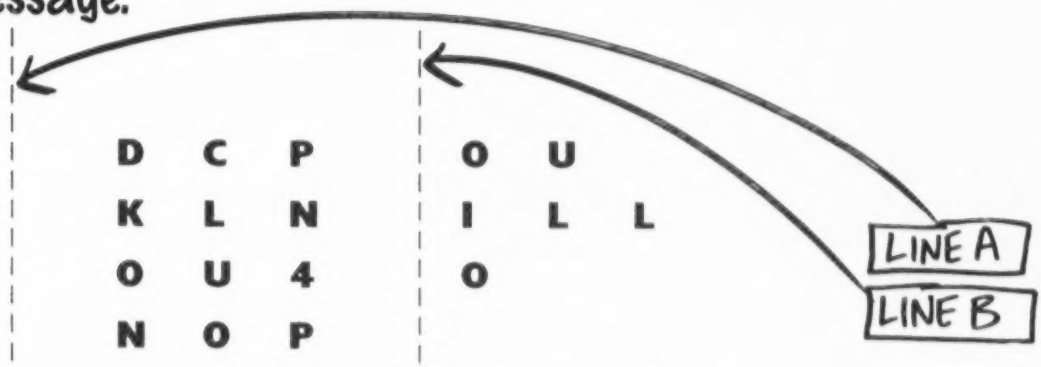
If the Judge and Jury decide the Defendant broke the law, the Judge decides how the Defendant should be punished. It is the Judge's job is to make sure the Defendant won't break the law again. He can make the Defendant pay money, go to jail or go to a doctor for help.



Sometimes kids who have to go to court and testify against the Defendant feel bad that they helped the Defendant get punished. But witnesses shouldn't feel bad because they came to court and told the truth. You didn't do anything wrong.

If you want to find out what happened to the Defendant, you can ask the Victim Advocate or the Prosecutor. They will be happy to talk to you about your feelings so you can understand what happened. But most important of all, they will want to tell you that you are a very brave person. Being a witness is an important job and you'll do a SUPER job.

Fold the lines together to see the surprise message.



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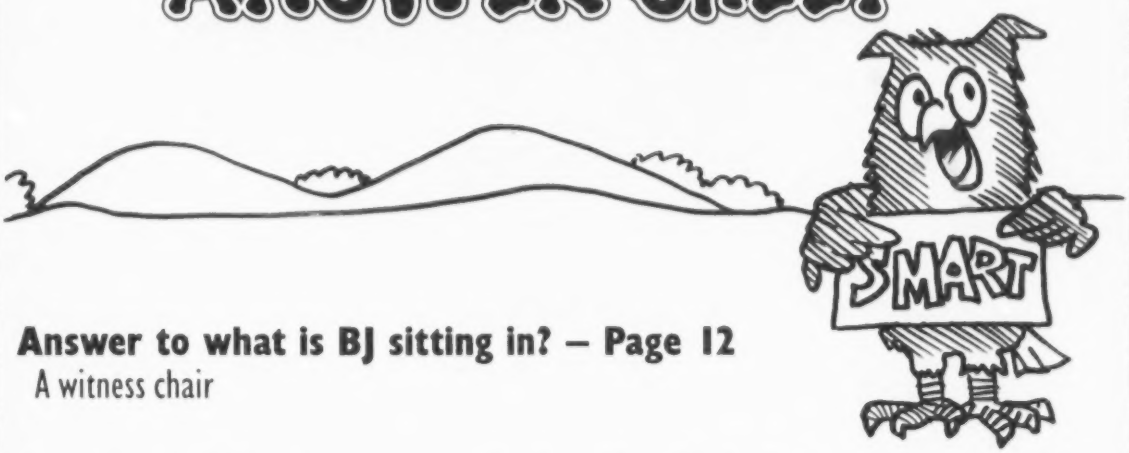


Answer to what is BJ sitting in? – Page 12
A witness chair

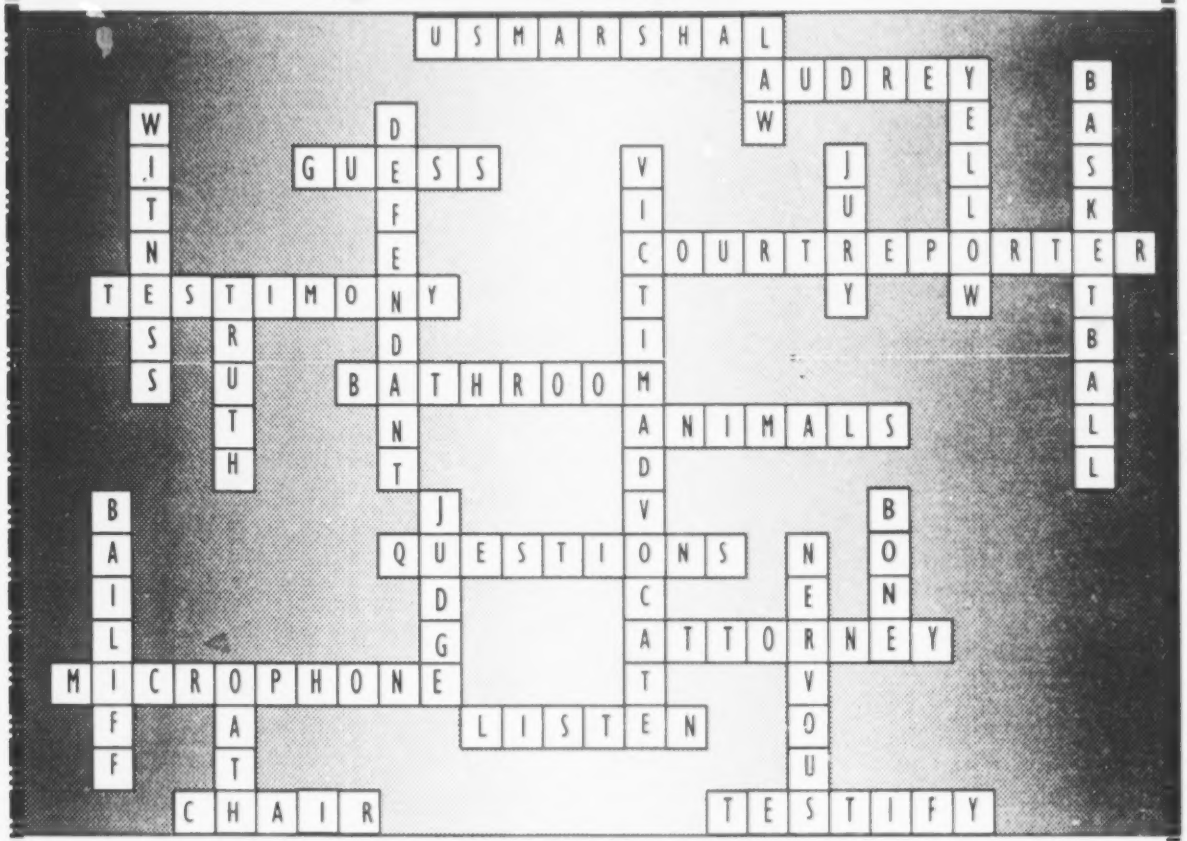
Answer to "How many words Can You Make" Game – page 15
Nest, With, Hair, Air, Tin, Chart, Twin, Their, Newt, Cat, Rain, Sew, Sit, Chest, Rest.

Answers to "People You won't find in the Courtroom – Page 21
Ballerina, Basketball Player, Clown.

Answers to "Can You Guess What They Do In The Courtroom" Game. – Page 24
A Witness' job is to tell what they know or saw happen.
The Court Clerk's job is to ask witnesses to promise to tell the truth.
The U.S. Marshal's job is to make sure everyone in court is safe.
The Court Report's job is to write down everything that is said in the courtroom.
The Bailiff's job is to let us know when it is time for court to start so everyone can be very quiet.
The Judge's job is to make sure the rules of court are followed.
The Prosecutor's job is to ask questions that will help you tell what you know or saw about a crime.
The Defense Attorney's job is to help the defendant.
A Victim Advocate's job is to help you feel okay about going to court.

Answer to BJ's Hidden Message # 1 – Page 25
My friend BJ is helping me to learn all about court.

Answers to Cross Word Puzzle – Page 27

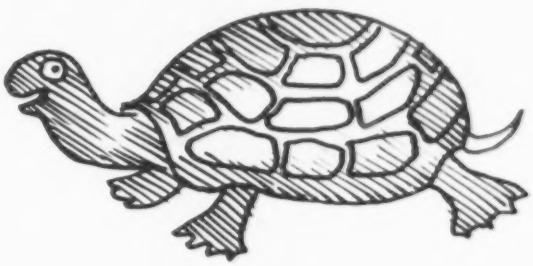


Answers to "Word Scramble" Game – Page 32

Court, Witness, Candy, Jury, Cat, Rules, Baseball, Gavel, Truth, Judge, Oath, Bubbles.

Answer to BJ's Hidden Message #2 – Page 33

I am going to court to be a witness. This means I have to tell the Judge and the people in court what I saw.



BE THE STAR! TELL US ABOUT YOU!

We've spent a lot of time telling you all about court and the people you will meet there. Now we would like to learn all about you. Please answer the questions on this page and draw a picture of yourself on the other side of the page. After you have finished, tear the page out and give it to your Victim Advocate. If you need help writing your answers, it's okay if you get your parents, another grown up or an older brother or sister to help you.

What is your name?_____.

What name do you like people to call you?_____.

How old are you?_____.

Do you go to school? If you do, what grade are you in?_____.

What is your favorite subject at school?_____.

Do you have any brothers and sisters. If you do, write down their names and how old they are._____

_____.

Do you have a pet? If yes, write down your pet's name _____

_____.

What is your favorite toy or game? _____.

What is your favorite TV show? _____.

Do you have a favorite toy that you would like to bring with you when you come to court? If you do, what is it?

_____.

Who in your Family will come to court with you? _____.

Draw a picture that tells all about you. You might want to draw a picture of yourself but you can also draw a picture of your family, your house, your pets or anything else you would like to draw. You can even write a poem or a story if you don't want to draw a picture.

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